

2020

🌱 Growing a Community of Givers 🌱



Annual Report

Caring Community Foundation, Inc. of Northeast Kansas

Good grows here!

A message from the Board of Directors for the Caring Community Foundation

Growing communities of givers takes optimism and patience. It requires time to listen, to ponder, to imagine, to enable and to persevere. The Caring Community Foundation engages in just this kind of stewardship. We understand that the funds entrusted to us are hard-earned donations for heartfelt charitable purposes. We understand that successful long-term investment is accomplished through teamwork with our community partners and by embracing the advice and guidance of professional investors.

Since 2016, the CCF has granted over \$73,000 to non-profits, raised \$100,000 through Looking Forward, Giving Back events and awarded over \$47,000 in scholarships. We have established 27 charitable community funds, including four new ones in 2019.

This annual report reflects the growth of 2019, but we are presenting it to you in the midst of 2020, a most unusual and tumultuous year. At the time of this writing, we are dispensing over \$12,000 from our Emergency Fund to help our friends and neighbors negatively impacted by COVID-19. We are all in this storm together, but we are not all in the same boat. Some of us are able to donate to help others and some of us need assistance. We are here to help with both. During market uncertainty and at all times, we want you to know that we will never be impulsive with investments, but we will be responsive to changing needs and The Trust Company will continue to monitor and make investment adjustments as is wise.

We understand that time is an investor's friend. We will continue to grow "good" in our communities with optimism and patience.



Jay Rezac, CCF Board Chair



BOARD MEMBERS

Row 1:

Jay Rezac, Chair (Onaga)
Jim Moore, Treasurer (Westmoreland)
Carol Pollock (Havensville)



Row 2:

Rebecca Rookstool (Wamego)
Eugene Berges, Vice Chair (Onaga)
Robert Ladner, Secretary (Onaga)



Row 3:

Nick Novelty (St. Marys)
Kevin Logan (St. George)
John Simecka (St. Marys)



Staff:

Susie Kufahl, Executive Director
Julie Wren, Assistant



CCF FUNDS & DESCRIPTIONS

Community Fund: **\$236,242**

Offers flexibility to address the needs of our communities and operations

Donor Advised Funds: **\$307,288**

Support broad charitable purposes specified by donor

- Wayne Stallard Family Fund and the Bruce Wayne Stallard Scholarship
- Onaga Football Alumni

Scholarship Funds: **\$443,430**

- Auxiliary for Community Hospital District #1 Scholarship
- CHCS Healthcare Scholarship
- Krouse Family Agricultural Scholarship
- Jennifer K. Moore Nursing Scholarship
- Onaga Alumni Scholarship
- Ron R. Lee and Richard J. Rosenfield Athlete Scholarship
- Walter Byers Scholarship
- Wayne Dunafon Memorial Scholarship
- Westmoreland (Brill) Scholarship

Designated Funds: **\$245,820**

Benefit one or more named charities or non-profits

- Carol & Robert Williamson/CHCS Endowment
- CHCS Infusion Room Fund
- Friends of USD 322
- Onaga FFA Alumni Endowment
- * Rock Creek FFA Alumni Endowment
- * Rock Creek Endowment
- * Onaga Fire Fighters

Acorn Funds: **\$16,553**

New funds intended to grow to at least \$5000 for investment within a few years

- St. Mary's Academy Teachers' Fund
- Onaga Golf Fund
- * Ruby Zabel Memorial Fund for the CHCS Westmoreland Clinic

Foundation Net Assets:

\$1,249,333

Agency Funds: **\$140,383**

Professional investment of expendable funds to support area non-profit organizations

- Community HealthCare System Fund
- First Congregational Church of Onaga Fund
- Onaga Historical Society Fund
- Rock Creek Valley Historical Society Fund

Total Net Assets & Agency Funds as of 12/31/19:

\$1,389,716

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The Caring Community Foundation provided \$36,175 to non-profits in our communities in 2019 including grants of \$10,970 and \$23,175 in scholarships.



Photos: Along with the Wayne Stallard Family Fund, we awarded grants to 1. Havensville Living History Day, 2. Onaga Weightlifting Club, 3. Crafting for Others, and 4. Rock Creek Valley Historical Society. We also granted support for Rock the Endowment. 5. Pizza Night netted over \$5000 for CCF funds that exist solely to support academics, arts, sports, and scholarship at USD 322 Onaga. Sponsors included Blue Valley Telecommunications, Buffalo Grill & Pizzeria and the CCF.

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GREATER GIVING

Initiated in 2019, Greater Giving is a CHCS employee giving program that provides assistance for patient and CHCS program needs, scholarships and endowment. More than \$50,000 has been received/pledged to the endowment and over 30 employees are monthly donors to a Greater Giving program. Photo 6. Is the Greater Giving committee and Photo 7 shows the dedication of the Donor Wall at CHCS Onaga.

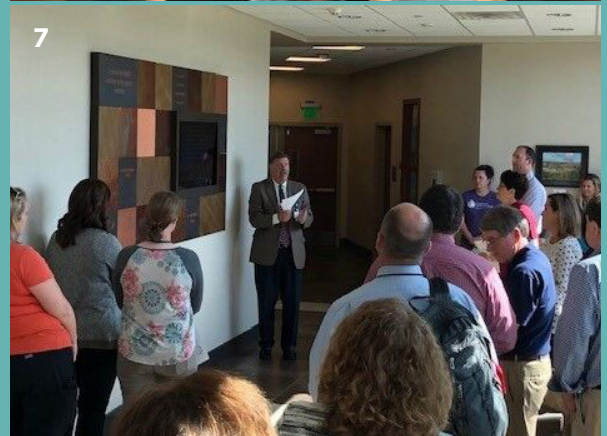
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Looking forward Giving back

The CCF hosts a major philanthropic event in one of our communities each year. In 2019 we hosted Rock the Endowment to initiate an endowment that will enhance, expand and enrich learning opportunities for students of USD 323 Rock Creek.







*Rock the
Endowment*

DINNER & AUCTION

Saturday, Sept. 21
 Flush Hall
 (south of Rock Creek Campus)
business casual attire

5:00 PM - hors d'oeuvres
and silent auction
6:00 PM - Dinner
7:30 PM - Auction

**ENHANCE, EXPAND & ENRICH
ROCK CREEK USD 323**
*hosted by the
Caring Community Foundation*

ADMIT ONE



More than 200 individuals attended the Gala and Auction which netted more than \$73,000. The photos depict the admission ticket, Wamego Telecommunications Company who earned the highest honor of the Mustang Sponsorship for their \$7500 donation, twelve members of the event committee, the Rock Creek High School choir, as well as the crowd and attendees enjoying the event. Enthusiasm for Rock Creek ruled the evening and many businesses, individuals and families donated generously to the cause.

Growing a fund:

DONOR PERSPECTIVES

I am so thankful to the Caring Community Foundation for the creation of the USD 323 Endowment. The positive response we had from our school and surrounding communities to starting this endowment was nothing short of amazing. With the creation of the 323 Endowment, we now have a permanent funding mechanism for special projects and activities that typically fall outside the scope of the school district's general fund. As a member of the 323 Endowment's steering committee, I look forward to watching the endowment grow. But perhaps more importantly, watching the impact this fund will have on the special learning experiences offered to our students.

Kevin Logan

Superintendent of USD 323 Rock Creek
Board member of CCF



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We realized that we had something big on our hands. We wanted to continue to expand our charitable efforts and keep our impacts local.

The Onaga Football Alumni organization formed six years ago to plan a golf tournament. Our main goal was a reunion of sorts, but we thought we might raise a little money for the high school football program along the way. When the tournament was over, we had raised over \$4,000. We realized that we had something big on our hands. We wanted to continue to expand our charitable efforts and keep our impacts local. We didn't know what legal and tax related requirements we would need to meet. We researched options and ultimately partnered with the Caring Community Foundation. They worked with us to help build our fund and take care of our IRS reporting.

Since that first tournament, we have raised about \$40,000. We expanded our initial goal of helping the football program, to helping all youth sports programs in Onaga, both school and community. We also fully fund the OHS Athletics Hall of Fame. Along with community partners like the CCF, our goal is to do even more for our community in the years to come.

Adam Kufahl

Social Science Teacher at USD 322 and
Founding member of Onaga Football Alumni

LEAGUE OF Extraordinary Givers

2019 givers recognized at these levels, excluding pass-through project and agency funds

Benefactor \$10,000 +

Rock Creek FFA Alumni,
Dr. Tom and Marcia Walsh

Steward \$5000 - 9999

Onaga Fire Fighters, Wamego Telecommunications Company, Dave and Mary Jo Nelson, Farmers State Bank

Champion \$1000 - 4999

Anonymous, Pam and Bruce Bachman, Eugene and Deborah Berges, Bob's Service, Lanny and Nancy Bosse, Justin and Virginia Boswell, Rheva Boswell, John and Annette Cline, John and Regina Gronewoller, Milton Henneberg, Jay and Maggi Kennedy, Joe and Marybeth Kennedy, Tim and Cindy Kite, Jay and Susie Kufahl, Nicholas and Denise Novelly, Nina Oakes, Onaga Pharmacy, Dan and Carol Pollock, Barbara Rezac, Debra and Lance Rezac, Jay and Stacy Rezac,

Deborah Stallard, Steve and Anne Suther, Dr. Marcus and Meghan Weiser, Gerry and Roberta Kufahl, Joe and Karen Harder, Todd and Nancy Willert, Lion's Club of Onaga, Nola Wilkerson, Terry and Dena Schmitz, Walter Byers Trust, Rosalind and Rick Lewis, Lester and Jo Harris, Fred and Dena Marten, Ruby Zabel Memorial, Kevin and Tara Logan, Marilyn and Pat McCourt, Jay and Carolyn Schlegel, James and Barbara Meinhardt and Kan Equip, John and Paulette Simecka, Linda Tessendorf, Jerry Fox, Paul and Pam Budenbender, Robert and Cheryl Annan, Carol and Adrian Hudler, Leiszler Oil Company, Sink- Gordon & Associates, McCown-Gordon, Rockhill Real Estate, Dr. Nicholas and Alyssa Cahoj, Hanney & Associates Architects, JNT Company, Blue Valley Telecommunications, Kaw Valley State Bank, Dennis and Peggie Post, Aaron and Kristi Timm, Sarah and David Hancock, Rick and Gayle Doll, Abbott Aluminum, Central Mechanical Construction, Elna and Ed Moore Trust, Darrell Holliday, Kolde Construction, Midland Exteriors, Midwest Concrete Materials, Wainwright Eye Care, Doug and Melissa Meyer, Civic Plus, John Harshbarger,

Champion givers continued...

Carl and Barb Meyer, Liz Meyer Memorial, Scott and Debra Haverkamp, Carol L. Burns Memorial, Bank of the Flint Hills, Network Computer Systems, Sloan Law Firm, Brigg's Auto, Glyndall Tonsor, Leon and Carolyn Teske

Friend \$500 - 999

Oakes Auto, Jerry Rice, Pat and Rita Keating, Alex and Regina Fairbanks, Mina and Lance Grutzmacher, Westmoreland Chamber

Initiator \$25 - 499

Anonymous, John Koelzer, F.L. and Donna Holliday, Richard Gray, Roger and Barbara Eggerling, Terry and Sally Force, Jolene and Lorenzo Cervantes, Ken Underwood, Sally Williams, SBS Insurance, Philip Lacy, Gary and Lynda Ladner, Clarence and Ruth Teske, Jeff and Christy Koelzer, Robert and Debra Schwarz, Verne Ratcliff, Almon and Verda Brunkow, Dr. Randy and Angie Tarvin, John and Elvina Grossnickle, Ralph and Maureen Ebert, Robert Brunkow, Chris and Vicki Flattery, Cathy Meier, Nancy Rezac, Connie Ryan, Cindy Seele, Eric and Cornelia Campbell, Mary and Russell Matzke, Bruce Dodson, Nathan Meile, Melissa and Allan Wegner, Palmer Law Firm, Chris and Brandi Miller, Bennington State Bank, Wamego Vet Clinic, Home of the Flint Hills, Darwyn Thomlinson, Pat Burns, Dennis Port, Jacob Herestrom, American Fidelity





100 People Who Care

Your extraordinary support helps grow the “good” in your community!

These people, businesses and organizations are donating \$4000 over four years to our community fund which pays for operating costs (2% of 2019 income) and helps pay for community grants. Thank you on behalf of your schools, hospital and healthcare system, and a wide variety of local non-profit charitable efforts! You are community heroes!

Anonymous

Linda Tessendorf

Pam & Bruce Bachman

Deborah Stallard

Eugene & Deborah Berges

Rosalind & Rick Lewis

Berges Sisters

Kevin & Tara Logan

Bob's Service,
Bob & Jean Venneberg

Marten Dozing

Lanny & Nancy Bosse

Pat & Marilyn McCourt

Justin & Virginia F. Boswell

James & Jennifer K. Moore

Rheva Boswell

Alan & Tammy Lierz

Paul & Pam Budenbender

Nicholas J. & Denise A. Novelty

John & Annette Cline

Onaga Lions Club

Farmers State Bank, Onaga
Westmoreland, & Manhattan

Nina Oakes

Onaga Pharmacy,
Johnny & Crystal Schlodder

Jerome Fox

John & Regina Gronewoller

Dan & Carol Pollock

Joe & Karen Harder

Barbara Rezac

Lester & Jo Harris

Debra & Lance Rezac

Milton Henneberg

Jay & Stacy Rezac

Carol & Adrian Hudler

Terry & Dena Schmitz

Jay & Maggi Kennedy

John & Paulette Simecka

Joe & Marybeth Kennedy

Nola Wilkerson

Tim & Cindy Kite

Steve & Anne Suther

Gerry & Roberta Kufahl

Dr. Marcus & Meghan Weiser

Jay & Susie Kufahl

Todd & Nancy Willert

Fred & Dena Marten

Tracy & Sue Ahlquist

The Annan Family

James & Barbara Meinhardt



Statement of Net Assets

*unaudited

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Assets					
Cash on hand			5,000	197	
FSB	92,717	12,639	78,399	18,501	15,841
Investments		424,059	607,301	892,511	1,277,755
	92,717	436,698	690,700	911,209	1,293,596
Pledges Receivable			67,000	70,417	99,679
Total Assets	\$92,717	\$436,698	\$757,700	\$981,626	\$1,393,275
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Accounts Payable		678	1,348	1,488	3,559
Agency Funds	42,686	32,580	107,768	118,446	140,383
Total Liabilities	\$42,686	\$33,258	\$109,116	\$119,934	\$143,942
Prior year net assets		50,031	403,440	648,584	861,692
Current Year Change	50,031	353,373	245,180	213,108	387,641
Net Assets	50,031	403,440	648,584	861,692	1,249,333
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$92,717	\$436,698	\$757,700	\$981,626	\$1,393,275

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Time, plans, patience...these are words that have new meaning for us during this pandemic. We will have joyful, fruitful, productive upcoming events again soon. Patience is not about waiting, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting. The idea of waiting for something makes it more exciting! We are looking forward to:

Scholarship Awards

Community Grants

Donor Appreciation Celebration

Rock Creek Endowment Piano Bar Event

**Looking Forward, Giving Back
Gala & Auction**

Things are always changing.

One significant change we want to note is to the membership of the Board of Directors for the Caring Community Foundation. Jay Kennedy, President of First National Bank in Frankfort, was an inaugural founding member of the CCF Board. His commitment, generosity, expertise and sense of humor helped form the character of the CCF. We will always be grateful for his service and wish him well in his new endeavors. We are fortunate to have gained the service of Kevin Logan, Superintendent of Rock Creek USD 323 and John Simecka, retired Colonel of the Kansas Army National Guard and a vastly experienced public servant of St. Marys.

All of the CCF Board Members are fully engaged and committed to the important stewardship and charitable community enhancement purposes of the CCF. In good and difficult times, we rely on tried-and-true policies, established best practice and the advice of professional investors.

We are grateful for the guidance of the experienced and caring investors of The Trust Company, for the support and partnership of our communities, for the trust of donors whom we are privileged to assist in meeting their charitable goals, and for faith, enthusiasm and optimism in general. As we face uncertainties, we know we will meet every challenge with calm perseverance, staying true to our mission to enhance the future of our communities.

Sincerely,

Jay Rezac

Eugene Berges

Jim Moore

Nicholas Novelly

John Simecka

Carol Pollok

Kevin Logan

Rebecca Rookstool

Robert Ladner



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